

## HE TOLD A STORY

Of Being Buncoed for Sixty Dollars

IN A DISREPUTABLE HOUSE

But the Police Took No Stock in His Mulhaston Yarn—Other Court News.

About 7 o'clock last evening William Butler, a farmer residing in Plainfield, told the police officers a cock and bull story of having been robbed of \$60 in a house of ill fame run by a negro woman on North Loma street. As he was under the influence of liquor he was confined to a cell in headquarters and searched. On his person was found the pocketbook he claimed to have been robbed of and \$29.15 in cash. He was held at headquarters for safe keeping and the detectives sent to investigate.

Butler's story was that he was introduced to enter and that once inside they held him for 50 cents. After the liquor was bought and disposed of, he says, two big negroes caught him by the shoulders and went through his clothing, relieving him of his pocketbook and three \$20 bills, after which he was kicked out. The police place very little confidence in his story.

## TRIED AND CONVICTED.

Ex-Patrolman Johnson Convicted in Police Court.

On December 8, J. B. Johnson retired from the police force after a service of twelve years. Yesterday he was arrested by Detective Kennedy on a charge of violating the law entitled "A Public Office is a Shop." The complaint was sworn by Captain Johnson and charged the offender with unexceptional conduct and behavior as becoming an officer, by being obedient to his superiors at all times and being most efficient and exemplary in all his duties assigned to him contrary to the provisions of the well known and obeyed law, of said city and every where else entitled "A Public Duty is a Private Shop."

Mr. Johnson was brought before the court, a jury of police reporters was drawn and the case tried in the usual manner. Mr. Johnson was convicted and Judge Haggerty sentenced the prisoner to a seat in a large leather upholstered chair that had been found in his by his brethren on the force and stood close behind the prisoner. It was a complete surprise to Mr. Johnson and he was able to say but a few words of thanks.

## LILLIE PAUL'S BAD STORY.

Margaret Cook's Victim Testify Strongly Against Her.

Margaret Cook sat in police court yesterday about the wickedest looking piece of humanity that has ever appeared in that tribunal. She is defended by Charles W. Smith. The first witness was Lillie Paul, who swore that she was induced to go to the house of Nellie Meyers and Frank Smith by Frank Smith. Afterward she met the Cook woman, who asked her to go up north with her. She said the Cook woman told her the police were on her track and if anyone asked where she was going to tell them she was going to Alpine to visit friends. The Cook woman gave her 50 cents to pay her fare to Alpine and was going to pay it to Woodville from Alpine. She swore Margaret Cook told her it was a house of ill fame and said it was her own house. The people's testimony was taken and the case was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

## IT IS A MIXED CASE.

Milne vs. Smith, Smith vs. Milne, Smith vs. Smith.

There seems to be another link in the suit for damages against Robert C. Milne, which was reported in yesterday's paper. In the circuit court there is a case pending for slander brought by Mr. Milne against Mr. Smith. The capias issued Thursday appears to take a retaliatory measure. In his answer to his wife's bill for divorce Mr. Smith states his wife had been led away from him by Mr. Milne. This led to the suit for slander. Unless a halt is called the case promises to be somewhat mixed. None of the cases have yet reached a hearing.

## Abbe Flanders on Trial.

Abraham Flanders, charged with assaulting Officer Tatos is on trial in the superior court. J. E. McBride and Fred A. Maynard are defending him. He is one of the "Hobo" gang and on the result of his trial depends several other cases against the members of the gang.

## Must Support the Child.

Gordon R. Jones, an ex-deputy sheriff, who was convicted of bastardy in the circuit court last week, was yesterday ordered to pay to the superintendent of the poor \$1.00 per week for the support of the child. He must do this for five years or go to jail.

## Circuit Court—Part I.

JUDGE GROVE.

The People vs. Gordon R. Jones, bastardy, ordered that Mr. Jones pay \$1.00 per week to the superintendent of the poor for the maintenance of the child for five years. The People vs. John Glen, larceny, adjourned to Monday. W. H. Hill vs. E. J. Reynolds, assault; proceedings stayed twenty days.

## Circuit Court—Part II.

JUDGE ADAMS.

John Brennan vs. Emanuel Nugent, assault; on trial.

## Superior Court.

JUDGE BURLINGAME.

The People vs. Abraham Flanders, charged with assaulting an officer; on trial.

## Police Court.

JUDGE HAGGERTY.

John Ball and Kerry Car, burglary, adjourned to December 24. Margaret Cook, soliciting females to enter a house of prostitution, adjourned to December 20. C. Green, truancy, adjourned to December 18. August Sierma, truancy, adjourned to December 20. John Marstrom, larceny, adjourned to December 21. J. B. Johnson, complaint for being an efficient officer; verdict guilty.

## GRAND RAPIDS' PROGRESS.

As Shown by Her Successive City Directories.

Dr. W. H. DeCamp has in his possession a complete collection of his directories, beginning with the first one ever issued in the city in 1836. The first directory is scarcely more than a pamphlet, was compiled by W. A. Robinson and printed in Chicago. It contains fifty-six pages, thirteen of which are names of residents and the remaining forty-three all advertising. No street numbers are given. Three hundred and ninety names are all the book contains. S. L. Avery, paper dealer; James Blair, clothing; W. H. DeCamp, physician and surgeon; D. W. Foster, hardware; Thad Foot, attorney; W. S. Gunn, hardware; O. W. Horton, druggist and apothecary; I. H. Lyon, postmaster; Henry Spring, general store, are among the entries in the book.

The preface states that the "city" contains 7,000 inhabitants and that daily lines of boats connected it with Grand Haven, Plainfield, Ionia and Lowell. Communication could also be had with Kalamazoo twice a day by large and comfortable coaches. It also gives the information that the "D. & M." railroad managers are vigorously prosecuting their work, a large portion of whose tract eastward from Grand Rapids is nearly ready for the superstructure, and that "the G. R. & L." has surveyed and located nearly the whole line, the northern terminus of which must be Grand Rapids for some time.

In that year John Fox was mayor; S. G. Champlin, recorder; James Blair, clerk; Ebenezer Anderson, treasurer; Mrs. L. Hatch, marshal; Aldermen, first ward, T. Sinclair; second ward, H. H. Ives; third ward, G. W. Allen; fourth ward, Lucius Patterson; fifth ward, J. Littlefield.

The next book, issued in 1855, is considerably larger. It contains 132 pages, about one-half of which are advertising. The preface of this one was written by Prof. Franklin Everett and contains much of interest regarding the early history of the city. At this time the city contained 11,000 inhabitants and was in a prosperous condition. After this period the city grew rapidly and the directory of 1876 gave the population as 34,700. In 1886 the directory gives the population as 66,000, and the directory assumes metropolitan proportions. Dr. DeCamp takes great pride in his collection and believes that he has the only issue of the first directory now in existence.

## LOCAL EXPRESS TRAFFIC.

Sketch of Its Past and Present Usefulness.

Persons who can remember back to 1854 doubtless remember the sign, "American Express Company," which used to hang in front of a rear store building near the site of the present Union ticket office. How the hanging of that sign and the introduction of a new industry awakened comments on the future. How "the boys" used to quit hanging around the old National hotel and at the express office watch Crawford Angell sweep out and make himself generally useful. Only valuable came in with the messenger, who rode on Humphrey & Co.'s stage from Kalamazoo twice a week. The heavy boxes came in by Joseph Martin's trucking teams, which were engaged in carting groceries from Kalamazoo. The company continued to handle all the express over the stage line until the D. & M. was completed, when it contracted with that road. Later it carried the G. R. & L. mail that was given up to the United States Express company, which finally surrendered it to the Adams Express company.

At present the American carries express on the C. & W. M. and D. L. & S. railroads; the Adams has G. R. & L.; the National the D. G. H. & M.; and the United States the L. S. & M. S. The four companies employ about seventy men and pay about \$4,500 in salaries each month, and do a business of about \$187,000 annually, proportioned as follows: American, \$68,000; Adams, \$55,000; United States, \$37,000; and the National, \$27,000. While no record of tonnage of the different companies is kept, it is not as great in proportion to the population as it was in 1854. This is caused by the fact that at that time all the express for Hastings, Holland, Grand Haven and other towns was handled here.

The only record that is kept here shows that over fifty tons of fruit were handled here each day during the month of September, which was a good average product. Perhaps no business is more closely identified with other commercial interests than the express business and its steady growth is the result of the growth of other interests. Crawford Angell of the American, is the veteran of the city in the business.

## Elliott &amp; Co.

The leading grocery and supply house of the city is that of Elliott & Co., Monroe street. There may be found the greatest variety of the choicest line of the trade, freshly gathered from original sources. At this time their store presents a most inviting and pleasing appearance. Tropical fruits in profusion, confections of every style, flavor and composition and fine bottle goods, such as only a metropolitan house can afford to carry, are upon their shelves. The facilities which the house enjoys insure to its customers the finest of every product in the line and the greatest possible variety which the market affords. There is but one place in the city of which all this may be truthfully said, and that is Elliott's. The window decoration of the firm for the Christmas season is unique and artistic. It is reinforced by banks of fruits and verdure. The case of fine confectionery is the most tempting feature of the display, and eclipses all other similar exhibitions to be found in the city.

## Superior Fabrics at Cost.

Miss A. Z. Straight has received a cabin message from her commissioner at Paris instructing her to city the remainder of her line of French fabrics at cost to make room for fresh importations. In conformity thereto she has reduced the price of her select stock of Parisian novelties to the naked cost of production. She will offer for the present week made up suits from these patterns at the remarkable price of \$25, \$30 and \$35. To those to whom price is a matter of consideration this sweeping reduction (averaging about 33 per cent.) will afford an opportunity which will be quickly improved. The goods could not be bought upon Parisian counters at these figures.

## Fyfe's, 15 Canal Street.

Mr. F. A. H. Fyfe, of London, Canada, who has recently come to our city, has bought on the Board of Trade restaurant, 15 Canal street. Mr. Fyfe has converted the place into a first-class bakery, confectionery and restaurant, and is now ready with a very fine line of the choicest of candies and fruit cakes, fancy goods and boxes, imported baskets, animal boxes and novelties for the holidays, at prices to suit all. Do not fail to give him a call, at No. 15 Canal street.

White & White for manicure goods of all kinds, cases and not cases. You may select from a thousand designs, from the medium grades to the finest imported goods. They have them all.

Only a limited number of these new pocket guide books are left. Buy of your grocer one hundred pounds. "Lily White" flour and get one free. Don't delay. VALLEY CITY MILLING CO.

## BIG BARGAIN BLAST

"O" (THERE WILL BE) A SLASHING OF PRICES AT THE TOWER

THIS WEEK—UNHEARD OF LOW PRICES!

WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO THE TRADE!

We shall outdo everything in the past. This week the grandest, greatest bargain Cut Price Sale ever dreamt of in Grand Rapids. All of our Fine Clothing must go.



BUSINESS

OUR MEN'S FINE OVERCOATS AT \$10 THIS WEEK,

Regular \$15 sellers, will make things lively. For \$15 we shall sell the grandest Kersey, Melton and Fur Beaver Overcoats ever shown, even at \$20 and \$22.

## Our Men's Suits.

Are such as you don't see in any other store in town. We have cut \$14 grades to \$20. \$15 grades to \$12. And our grand \$18 and \$20 suits cut to \$15. Did you ever see \$25 ready-made suits? We had them. They are now cut down to \$15 and \$18. Finest grades of Boys' Suits are reduced \$1.50 to \$2.50 a suit.

## HATS! HATS!

More hats than are contained in any other store in town. Prices slashed this week. You save 33 per cent on every hat bought during this great sale.

## Overcoats.

## BOYS' OVERCOATS.

\$1.50 worth \$2.50. \$2.00 worth \$3.00. \$2.50 sold at \$3.75. \$3.00 brought \$4.50. \$3.50 good value at \$5. \$5.00 saves you \$2.00. \$7, cut of \$3. \$8, former price \$12.

## MEN'S OVERCOATS.

At \$3.88, \$4.50, \$5.00. One-third Less than real value.

## Great Cut Price Sale

Men's and Boys' Suits—Boys' suits at 98c, \$1.15, \$1.50 and \$2. Oh, my.

Shirts—The largest line of Men's and Boys' Jersey and Cassimere Shirts in the city, all styles and grades.

Collars and Cuffs—Every style of collars and cuffs made.

Hosiery and Underwear—Socks, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c. A big bargain in Men's Underwear and Boys' Shirts and Drawers.

HUDSON'S

THE TOWER.

LARGEST CLOTHIERS, Hatters and Furnishers.

JEWELRY for Christmas time and every other time, silver—solid or plated; hollow ware, novelties, bric-a-brac, clocks, pens, cases; everything that Santa Claus makes in his snowy cover, at R. D. Carsten's, No. 44 Canal street.

Office Furniture of every description. Manufacturers' prices. We show the famous G. R. Desk Co.'s line of desks. NELSON, MATTER & CO., 33 to 39 Canal Street.

Buy the Stewart banjo at Campman's, No. 182 East Fulton street.

White & White for perfume atomizers of every style and quality. No dressing case is complete without them.

Bliven & Allen, No. 106 Canal street, headquarters for oysters, fish and game.

The wholesale liquor firm of Kortlander & Murphy have removed from the New Livingston block to their new quarters at the corner of Spring and Fulton streets.

Buy the Washburn guitar at Campman's, 182 East Fulton street.

GENTLEMEN! —FOR— CHRISTMAS PRESENTS! —GO TO— MORRIS H. TREUSCH & BRO., 100 MONROE ST.

Holiday Cigars! Cigars! Holiday Cigar Holders! Holiday Cigarette Holders! Holiday Briar Pipes in cases! Holiday Match Safes. Holiday Tobacco Boxes. Holiday Cigar Cases (leather.) Holiday Cigarette Cases. Holiday Tobacco Bags. Pouches and Boxes. Holiday Gold Canes. Holiday Sterling Silver Canes. Holiday Tobaccos. Holiday Smokers' Sets. Holiday Turkish Pipes. Holiday Turkish Magic Lamps.

We take pleasure to show our Christmas Goods. Give us a call.

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Fine perfumes in fancy packages. Thum's, No. 84 Canal and No. 166 West Bridge streets.

Every resident should have the new pocket guide to Grand Rapids. We are giving them away free. All we ask is that you buy one hundred pounds of "Lily White" flour before they are all gone.

VALLEY CITY MILLING CO.

Siegel's cloak store will be open every evening until after Christmas.

Platte's Special Sale

UMBRELLAS AND CANES

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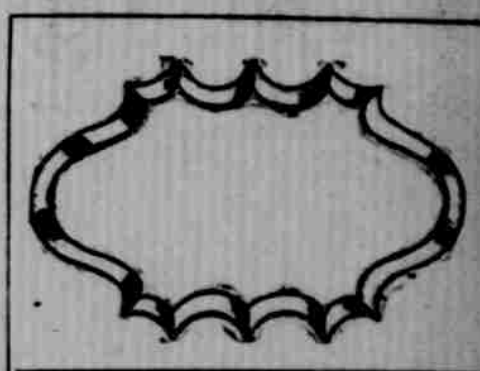
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W. C. DEWEY,

GERMAN AND FRENCH

LOOKING-GLASS PLATES



The necessity for a manufacturer's agent in this city—one that occupies the position of standing in the manufacturer's place—is obvious. Such a function is supplied in the agency of W. C. Dewey. Mr. Dewey acts for the firms which he represents exactly as those firms would act were they upon the ground. In a city depending for a large part of the material which enters into its principal product, upon a foreign or distant producer, the local residence of an agent, empowered to offer the same rates and conditions which the manufacturer would offer were he here, is of vital importance. In the matter of looking-glass plates and burlap, two of the essential requisites in carrying on furniture manufacture, this conclusion realizes an emphatic endorsement. Through the local agency of W. C. Dewey these essentials have been abundantly and cheaply supplied, and always upon such terms as the manufacturer could supply were his factory within our city limits. In so doing he has brought the producer of the parts to the door of the manufacturer of the complete product, of which the part is an ingredient. He has brought the glass and burlap to Grand Rapids and eliminated the vexed problem of intermediate profits and exorbitant freightage.

How far this useful office has been appreciated in this furniture center of the world is clearly indicated by the fact that nearly every furniture manufacturer of Grand Rapids is his customer. And what is true of the manufacturers of this city is also true of the manufacturers of all Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

In supplying his trade Mr. Dewey handles annually between \$300,000 and \$400,000. He makes a specialty of Pattern Plates for the furniture trade, and supplies the product of the new process patent triplicate and mitre bevels. Among the many firms which he represents are these: Van Horne, Griffin & Co., Chas. C. Reed & Co., J. C. Bowe, Tamm Bros. Glue Co., Buckeye Marble Co., Rutland Marble Manufacturing Co., Bevel Wheel Castor Co., John Loler Sons & Co., Corbin Cabinet Lock Co., Jas. T. White & Co., Dutch Plate Glass Co., Corgell Flint Paper Co., Burey Chemical Co., Kingsley's Ohio Turpentine, Fox Excelsior, and the Hallwood Block.

Mr. Dewey's office is located in the old Ledyard block, first floor, No. 56 Ottawa Street.